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Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application entitled:

ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH IMPROVED SURFACE MATERIAL

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by the following named inventor(s):

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- Applicant(s) suggests Figure 1 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.
- Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information:
SCA Hygiene Products AB, SE-405 03 Goteborg, SWEDEN

- Small entity status is claimed.

Also enclosed are:

DRAWINGS: 5 sheets of formal drawings _____ sheets of informal drawingsDECLARATION: will follow executed, is enclosed unexecuted, is enclosedASSIGNMENT: is enclosed will follow

**CLAIM FOR
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UNDER
35 U.S.C. § 119
and/or 365:**

certified copy(ies) enclosed certified copy(ies) will follow

OTHER PAPERS: A General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees.
 An Information Disclosure Statement.
 An Application Data Sheet (ADS).
 a verified translation of the provisional application.

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CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims		Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Basic Application Fee (1001)					\$ 770.00
Total Claims	16	MINUS 20 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Application Fee					
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee of \$40.00 (8021) if Assignment document is enclosed.					
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					
\$ 810.00					

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